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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 3665

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, LA

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH MINISTER OF JUSTICE ON
POWS/MIAS

1. IN COURTESY CALL ON NEW MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF VIENTIANE SIDE ON JOINT CENTRAL
COMMITTEE TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT (JCCIA) KHAMKING
SOUVANLASAY, THE AMBASSADOR RAISED TWO SUBJECTS: POWS
AND DRUGS (REPORTED SEPARATELY).

2. RE POWS, AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED OUR GROWING CONCERN
THAT 34 DAYS AFTER FORMATION PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF
NATIONAL UNION (PGNU), AND OVER HALFWAY THROUGH
TRANSITION PERIOD FORESEEN IN ACCORDS, "OTHER SIDE" -
AS PATHET LAO CALLED IN VIENTIANE - HAS GIVEN NO SIGN
WHATSOEVER THAT IT PREPARED ACT ON POW/MIA ISSUE.
AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED THAT IT WOULD MAKE MOST UN-
FORTUNATE IMPRESSION IF PL WAITED UNTIL 23RD HOUR OF
59TH DAY BEFORE RELEASING EMMET KAY - ONLY AMERICAN
POW KNOWN TO BE ALIVE. KHAMKING INDICATED HE FULLY
AWARE OF IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE AND NOTED A JCCIA
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SUBCOMMITTEE HAD BEEN FORMED TO ADDRESS THE POW/MIA

AND REFUGEE ISSUE. HE HIMSELF HAD RAISED QUESTION OF
POWS IN FULL COMMITTEE AND GENERAL ETAM HAD RAISED IT IN
SUBCOMMITTEE BUT PL HAD GIVEN NO RESPONSE. IN FACT, IT
WAS VERY HARD TO GET ANYTHING DONE IN JCCIA. FOR
INSTANCE, WHILE IT HAD BEEN ORIGINALLY AGREED THAT
JCCIA WOULD MEET EVERY THURSDAY, THIS SCHEDULE HAD NOT
BEEN OBSERVED BECAUSE PL PLEADED LACK OF TIME TO DO
NECESSARY WORK. JUST TODAY, WEDNESDAY, THERE WAS NO
MEETING PLANNED FOR TOMORROW. NEVERTHELESS, HE RE-
COGNIZED THE INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE
AND WOULD PRESS IT AGAIN.
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